GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:636
ANSWERED ON:10.05.2000
WASTE OF WATER RESOURCES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to protect the water resources from Industrial pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have assessed the quantum of water going waste every year due to industrial pollution; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES

(DR.C.P. THAKUR)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Parts (a) to (d) of Starred Question No.636to be answered in the Lok Sabha on 10.5.2000 regarding Waste of Water Resources

(a to d) A programme of industrial pollution control along the water resources has been initiated in 1997 by the Central Pollution Control Board. Out of the 851 grossly polluting industries discharging their effluents into rivers and lakes, which were identified as defaulters in 1997, 551 have provided the requisite treatment facilities, 207 are closed and the remaining 93 units are still defaulting. Legal actions has been taken against these defaulting units.

No assessment has been made of the quantity of water going waste due to Industrial pollution. However, the pollution load to the water resources has been assessed in terms of Biochemical Oxygen Demand(BOD).It is estimated that the BOD load was 2100 tonnes/day in 1997 which has been reduced to 250 tonnes/day in 2000.